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OBITUARY

Rev. S. M. Dinwiddie

Rev. S. M. Dinwiddie, pastor at Linton, Ind., passed away October 2, 1947, at 2:15 p.m. after a short illness. Brother Dinwiddie was very much interested in his pastorate and burdened for its success. Sunday morning before he passed away his message was "Ye Did Run Well; Who Did Hinder?" Gal. 5:7. The members and those who attended were touched by this message and felt that they desired to draw closer to God. He made the statement that "I am here today but don't know where I will be tomorrow." In the afternoon he told his wife he was greatly burdened and did not feel that he could preach Sunday night. After she insisted on his going, and after prayer, he went to perform his duty as pastor, and preached his last sermon. His subject was "Preparedness," and the saints, with the unsaved, said they had never heard such a powerful message and were determined to make the preparation that was needful for service or to be called away from this world. On the following Thursday afternoon, he could stay no longer, so he fell asleep to await the resurrection, when the mortal shall put on immortality and the dead in Christ shall be gathered to meet Jesus in the air.

Brother Dinwiddie was loved by all the people in Linton and as he got acquainted on the district he was winning the love of all. We can really feel our loss in the State of Indiana, of this courageous soldier of the cross. We never heard Brother Dinwiddie complaining about anything; he always lifted his head and said, "We will pray about it."

We wish to express our appreciation for the cooperation of the ministers on the district who were so willing to share in all the arrangements that had to be made. We know that you did pray for God's hand to be upon the family as they were driven across the nation to the faraway Pacific Northwest to plant the body in a lonely cemetery in Yakima, Washington, where we shall await the dawning of the new day when Christ shall be King.

Let us continue to pray for Sister Dinwiddie and Danny that God will comfort them in their great loss and lead them in His service, that they may find their place anew in the great work of the Lord. May God bless all.—C. C. Rains, state overseer.

It seems to be much easier for some people to turn down their best friend than it is for them to turn down their worst enemy.

Notice to Ordained Evangelists and Exhorters

Please mail your 1947 license to the Church of God General Secretary and Treasurer, Cleveland, Tennessee, for renewal. They are void after December 31, 1947. Place on the reverse side of your license the address to which your new license should be mailed, and tell us where your membership is.

Respectfully,
John C. Jernigan
General Overseer

J. D. Bright, Pastor, Church of God, Alabama City, Ala.

The Man Christ Jesus . . . Man's Mediator

By Rev. J. D. Bright

1 Tim. 2:5, *"For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus."*

The work of Christ as Mediator, to my mind, dates back to the tragedy in the garden of Eden. In Gen. 3:8 we read, "They heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden." This hyperbolic statement surely means that Adam and Eve heard God conversing with someone as He came into the garden. If so, that someone was surely none other than Christ.

What they were talking about is certainly a likely question. My answer is, they were discussing the disobedience of Adam and Eve and what their punishment should be. One might say, "That was already settled in the following words: 'In the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.'" But you remember what Satan said, "Ye shall not surely die." This prompts me to feel that the devil knew the merciful disposition of Christ and understood what His attitude would be toward this couple that he was beguiling. It was, no doubt, the thought of God's mind to utterly destroy them, blot them out, just as He would have done the nation of Israel had Moses not interceded for them and offered himself in their stead.

A greater than Moses was the Mediator for the human family, and, although God's wrath was so kindled against this first man and woman that He was ready to annihilate them from the face of the earth, Christ prevailed upon Him with reasoning which we shall learn about, perhaps, only in the eternal day, to spare them and let the human family be His that He might redeem them.

Therefore, though man was driven out of the garden and separated from God (dead spiritually), he was only to meet death physically as an individual, and the human family was never to be utterly destroyed. In the act of God in slaying the animal and clothing the man and woman with the skin, the blood typified spiritual provision, or remedy, for sin, and the skin, as coats, represented provision for the physical life, and all this seemed to be the sealing of the agreement between Christ and God that Christ (as Jesus) would, in *due time,* die for the ungodly human race, thus making ample provision for the supply of all the needs of man. This agreement was passed on to Adam and the human family as a covenant, as stated in Gen. 3:15, *"And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel."*

This was the circumstance, no doubt, that gave rise to this statement in Rev. 13:8, *"The lamb slain from the foundation of the world."* "World" here evidently means the wicked, sinful human race, from the word KOSMOS. That being true, it would lend support to the fact that the slaying of the animal in the garden was a sealing of the pledge of Christ to God that He would eventually (as Jesus) pay the redemption price for lost man.

You also remember that Paul wrote of us as "being chosen in him before the foundation of the world." This infers that God saw in Christ the reclamation—redemption— of enough of the human family for Him to eventually carry out His plans for and with man, in this life and in His eternal kingdom.

The Holy Ghost was fully aware of the obligation that Christ had taken upon Himself in this act as "mediator between man and God." This is clearly understood by the many types, shadows, and predictions of Christ Jesus in His redemptive work throughout the Old Testament, which were written under the impulse of the Holy Ghost. No one could possibly read the 53d chapter of Isaiah and doubt that the Triune Godhead was in full agreement about the plan of man's salvation and who the Saviour would be.

You ask why Christ was not clothed in human flesh as Jesus earlier. That I would like to know. Yet, it should suffice us to know that "when the fulness of THE time had come, God sent forth his Son." And again, "For when we were yet without strength, in DUE TIME Christ died for us." Rom. 5:6; Gal. 4:4. Anyway, the glorious fact is that "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have everlasting life." In other words, God permitted His Son, Christ Jesus, to "LAY DOWN HIS LIFE" for the world, as its MEDIATOR. But was dying the end of the mediatorial work of Christ Jesus? No. John said of His work since His death, "My little children, these things write I unto you, that your sin not. And if any man sin, we have an ADVOCATE (lawyer) with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous." It is very obvious that John is speaking of Christ's mediatorial work for the CHURCH in this verse, and that, perhaps, exclusively. However, in the second verse he sets forth the fact that Christ Jesus, by way of His death, stands permanently BETWEEN men and God as the PROPITIATION

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Editorials...

Communism Invades Movies Communism has invaded the motion picture production business to infilter, into every opening possible, their poisonous teachings. Hollywood producers are predominantly communistic. You know, 87 per cent of all we learn comes through the eyesight, therefore the devil, with all his satanic forces, uses every available means to destroy the works of God. The motion picture is one of his great tools. Gullible America has gone wild after amusement, nine theatres being built to every one church house erected. The method of teaching is most effective, but it is the subject matter we condemn: that eternal triangle of lustful love affairs, where the third person wrecks the home; the perpetual display of every known kind of crime; and now communism plants its seeds of destructiveness so secretly that before one realizes it its purpose will be accomplished—the youth will grow up with the idea that the cause of communism is right, public sentiment will be so molded that one is greatly disadvantaged to lift his voice against it.

But please remember, if and when communism establishes itself sufficiently in America, you will see the church and all religious causes suffer.

This World No Friend Several years ago, when we heard of the persecution in Russia, when the first Catholics were being killed, some people with a prejudice akin to hatred for the Catholics, said that the Roman Church had so grossly neglected its opportunities and so poorly represented the cause of Christ that it was no wonder they were being killed. But I sensed then, and wrote and publicly stated that we should beware, that this was not hostility against the Catholics alone; it was far greater than that; these were the first, but all religious people would be directly in the path of this terrible menace of communism. The bloody record of Russia certainly reveals what one might expect if the communists should take control.

Frankly, I agree with the historian that the fight "is world-wide" and that "every one of the historic world religions is extraordinarily troubled and its missionary endeavors seriously handicapped." Communism is definitely against God, consequently against all religions. They, therefore, fully qualify as the instrument of Satan in the final conflict of Satan against God.

The fight then takes on world-wide proportions. It is no longer a mere conflict of Christianity against Mohammedanism, or Buddhism, or Shintoism, or Taoism, or any of the other various religious systems. It is no longer a fight of Protestantism against Roman Catholicism, or of one group of Protestants against another group of Protestants, dividing themselves and redividing themselves until it reaches the place where, if you do or do not wear a certain kind of clothing you cannot be a member of this certain church; or with another group, if you wear buttons on your clothes instead of hooks-and-eyes, you can't be a member of that certain church. No, surely this fight is not the differences among brethren of their own respective organizations. Really, it is a shame to mention this, but to some it appears that these differences are the number one problem of the world.

Brethren, the great conflict is far more than the fight of democracy against communism. Democracy grants protection of religious liberties and is, therefore, a great hindrance to communism. Communism likes democracy only for the liberties it can take in propagating its cause, but otherwise it is an avowed enemy of democracy.

Modernism, of course, denying the blood of Christ and the new birth by which one becomes a child of God, naturally will sift out, without God.

So I'm sure you clearly see that the whole situation resolves itself into the one great conflict of the devil, old Satan, his followers, and the powers of hell against God and His people. If you are not personally safe in God, you will be lost. Thousands, yea millions, have died, given their lives for Christ's sake. There is surely suffering ahead. We must stand true to God. Nothing else will do.

May God help this sin-benighted world today. Amen.

Palestine Divided A few days ago, America and Britain proposed that Palestine be divided and that the nationless Jews be given a certain portion of it in which to make them a home. Then, as a great surprise, Russia, whose jaws have been set to say nothing but no to every suggestion of the United Nations' proposals for world peace, said, "Yes," divide Palestine. Many had wondered if Russia could ever say the word "yes" again, but she did say it. But why not? Why not let the Jews inhabit Palestine with all their immense wealth? Why not let them build up that country? for Palestine is the one spot where the battle of Armageddon is yet to be fought.

Russians Desire Southern Water Route Russia has been needing an unfrozen water route to the outside world, and has had her eyes turned in that direction for many years, for, you know, however strong the Russians may be, and all they have tried to do against God, they can't change the winter seasons; therefore, the great riches of the world, together with the developed natural resources of Palestine, will naturally lend an attraction and a coveted goal to the Russians, when they marshal their forces and swoop southward through the Black Sea, the sea of Marmara, the Dardanelles, Aegean Sea, and into the Mediterranean. Surely Russia said, "Yes," divide Palestine. She knows well the deep-seated prejudice and hatred that exists between the Arabs and the Jews, which has existed for many centuries, that could burst into flames of further trouble. You remember communism thrives in discontent as flies breed in filth. You may rest assured of one thing, it is most certainly not because she has developed a special love for the Jews in their distress. No, never! To Russia it is just one more step in the direction of her desired goal; just another means to an end. Oh, yes! Russia said, "Yes."

"To avoid criticism, Mr. Superintendent, do nothing, plan nothing, . . . If you want little competition in this Sunday School game, PLAN AND EXECUTE BIG THINGS."—*Hanson.*

BIBLE GLINTS *and* *Late Events*

• BY THE EDITOR •

WORLD-WIDE BIBLE READING

The Following Bible Passages Will Be Read Daily

(Thanksgiving to Christmas)

"One World—One Book" is the theme selected this year by the American Bible Society for the World-wide Bible Reading Program. The plan, sponsored by the American Bible Society, is to get people in all parts of the world to read the same Bible selections daily between Thanksgiving to Christmas, November 27 and December 25. The readings selected for the program "One World—One Book" feature Bible selections which bring out many helpful truths concerning the theme.

Thanksgiving, November 27 ..... Psalm 145—"One God"
Friday ..... Psalm 103—"One Blessing"
Saturday ..... John 3:1-21—"One Birth"
Sunday, November 30 ..... John 1:1-18—"One Word"
Monday ..... Matt. 5:1-16—"One Discipleship"
Tuesday ..... Matt. 6:19-34—"One Treasure"
Wednesday ..... Psalm 90—"One Dwelling"
Thursday ..... John 14:1-21—"One Comforter"
Friday ..... James 1—"One Wisdom"
Saturday ..... Phil. 2:1-18—"One Mind"
Sunday, December 7 ..... John 15:1-17—"One Vine"
Monday ..... Psalms 91; 121—"One Keeper"
Tuesday ..... John 17:1-26—"One Prayer"
Wednesday ..... 1 Cor. 13—"One Love"
Thursday ..... Luke 15:1-10; Rom. 1:16, 17—"One Purpose"
Friday ..... Luke 15:11-32—"One Redemption"
Saturday ..... Acts 17:16-31—"One Family"
Universal Bible Sunday, December 14
*Psalm 119:1-19, v. 89, v. 105—"One Book"
Monday ..... Psalm 67—"One People"
Tuesday ..... John 4:5-30—"One Truth"
Wednesday ..... Psalm 19—"One World"
Thursday ..... Deut. 5:6-27—"One Law"
Friday ..... II Tim. 3:12-4:8—"One Crown"
Saturday ..... Rev. 21:1-7—"One Heaven"
Sunday, December 21
Isa. 53; Matt. 11:28-30—"One Burden-Bearer"
Monday ..... Luke 1:26-38—"One Son"
Tuesday ..... Luke 1:39-56—"One Song"
Wednesday ..... Luke 1:57-80—"One Prophecy"
Christmas, December 25
Isa. 40:1-5; Luke 2:1-20, 40—"One Saviour"

**If possible, read the whole of Psalm 119, noting the references to Law, Statutes, Precepts, Commandments, Judgments and Testimonies.*

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What the American Bible Society is doing to make the daily reading of the Bible an everyday helpful experience

1st—This sheet is being mailed to about 11,000 of the weekly press in this country.

2d—It is being mailed to every daily newspaper in the United States.

3d—It is being mailed to about 500 of the religious press.

4th—300,000 posters—design shown on back of sheet—are being mailed to many thousands of churches in America, and to many commercial establishments.

5th—Several million copies of the printed list of selected passages will be distributed through chaplains and pastors.

6th—Over 500 church and secular magazine editors are being supplied with editorial material and pictures for special articles in their November issues.

THE MIRACLE OF LITERATURE

The Bible is often called the World's Best Seller. This is true, but it is far from the whole truth. The term "best seller" is used commonly of a book that is notably popular for a while and is then superseded by some other book. The real best sellers among ordinary books are dictionaries, cook books, Red Cross manuals, and the like. They go on selling for years by the millions of copies.

But the Bible's record is so far beyond even these books that there is no comparison. For one thing, the Bible is published in almost 1,100 languages. No other book has ever appeared in as many as 100. For another thing, the Bible is published, not by one publisher but by almost every large publishing house in the Christian world.

It is a historic fact that the incentive that drove Gutenberg on to his invention of printing from type was the increasing demand for the Bible in his day.

A GERMAN HIGH-SCHOOL TEACHER WRITES:

"No packages, whatever their contents and their number, could have given me such a deep and sincere joy as this free and unasked-for gift of a Greek New Testament. You, the American Bible Society, did it for God's sake and God may bless you for it. I want to add one last word. There is, so far, no other nation which has so generously provided for the material and spiritual shortcomings of a former enemy. Other nations are poorer, it is true, but there has been not even a geste symbolique. You may rest assured that your kindness is not lost upon the German people. In the face of former aloofness and present apathy, it will help to build up a treasure of genuine confidence and gratitude."

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PERSONALITIES OF THE FIRST CHRISTMAS

The Forgotten Man of Christmas

NOW the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily. — Matthew 1:18, 19.

By Rev. Charles W. Conn, Pastor, Leadwood, Mo.

JOSEPH has been neglected. In an effort to exalt the precious mother of our Lord, we have nearly forgotten that He had a father, too. And a very good father at that—a noble father—an outstanding father. Seldom, if ever, do you hear Joseph as the subject of a sermon, or a story, or a painting, or an essay. It is always Mary—Mary and her Babe. Even when Joseph is mentioned, or painted, it is obscurely—in the dim background, never in the spotlight. Doubtlessly, this is as he would have wished it, which is one good reason for making him the subject of this article. Without diminishing the reverence due the virgin mother of Christ, we should also realize that Joseph was very prominent in the life of our Lord. God had good reason for selecting Mary to bear His Son, and, doubtlessly, her husband-to-be was an important factor. God would surely be as careful in the selection of a father for the Saviour of the world as He would a mother. Yes, Joseph is extremely important; let us here remember him.

The blood in Joseph's veins was royal blood: ". . . he was of the house and lineage of David," Luke 2:4. Then, humility was a characteristic of him. Without vaunting his royal heritage, he was meekly earning his bread by carpentry. But he was definitely not a nobody—he was a richly endowed son of Abraham and David.

The prophet Micah gave an epitomized measure for a good man, which measure Joseph filled to the greatest degree. He met every requirement of a good man: the ultimate of godliness under the law. Micah 6:8, "He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" If these, then, were the requirements for goodness, let us consider them separately and see how completely Joseph fulfilled the law.

I. Joseph Was Just

If justice is equitable and impartial judgment, or merited reward or punishment, then, at times, justice is more godly than forbearance and condonation. It is better for the child, and more righteous, too, that the parent be firm and just, rather than doting and tolerant. There is a pseudo-gentleness, which is really masked aversion to duty. At times it is difficult to be just, because it calls for courage and godliness—but justice must be done, even though it hurts us, too. Joseph was not a coddling old sentimentalist, but he was a just man of God.

All within him loved Mary and yearned for her presence. The delight of his heart would have been to forgive her supposed infidelity. But when he heard of Mary's sickness, justice forced him to put her away—he did not know that her conceiving was of the Holy Ghost. For three months now his beloved had been away, visiting relatives. Now, on her return, Joseph did not observe the former gay, joyous, ebullient pride of his heart. Instead, he daily watched a listless, wan maiden, whose effervescence had been replaced by dull languor. Her eyes were dreamy, her thoughts faraway. When the truth of her condition pierced his dismayed mind, Joseph must have known then what it meant to have a heart violently wrung from one's bosom. No one can know the sorrow and shock that must have been his. Within the soggy greyness of his despair, only one thing was distinguishable, and it flashed like a red beacon incessantly upon his reason: infidelity! Mary, his Mary, as he reasoned, must have betrayed him. How could HE know? sorrowing, forgotten Joseph.

Compassion urged him to forget it with little or no ado, but justice demanded that he put her away. And Joseph was a just man, because he was a godly man. Knowing full well that it would hurt him far more than it would his beloved Mary, he finally decided that justice must be done; sin must be requited.

II. Joseph Loved Mercy

Yet his mercy forced him to do so privately, so that she would not be needlessly exposed. Justice is good—justice with mercy is excellent. Certainly demonic persuasion urged

Joseph to be harsh and ugly. When he made the decision for justice, Satan would have had him rush headlong to the other extreme, to become bitter and vengeful. How wonderful is the wisdom of God! If He had chosen another woman, with a rash and spiteful husband, who would have harmed her and exposed her, the beautiful Bethlehem scene, the marvelous birth of the Son of God would have been marred by all the foul rumor of the world. Jesus would have been reared in fatherless ignominy, and a damaging shadow would have shrouded the grace of God. But God chose Joseph, just and merciful, warm of heart and cool of head, tender yet firm, loving Mary and fearing God at all times. This may sound paradoxical, but Joseph was a paradox of human nature. He was mercifully just.

What a man really is, is revealed when he has the advantage of others. When it is not within one's power to be otherwise, one must be meek and gentle; but when one can well be harsh and tormenting, and still be gentle, then one can be said to be godly. Position reveals a man. Joseph was a good man.

III. Joseph Walked With God

With anguish in his heart, Joseph brooded. There was a most glorious secret snug in the heart of Mary, but for him there was only blackness. The mysterious ecstasy that thrilled within her bosom replaced Joseph's presence for Mary, but for Joseph there was only loneliness. However, God had not forgotten the man He had chosen to father His Son. They walked together—the two of them, God and Joseph. Eventually, his devotion to God brought a revelation to the heart of Joseph. And with that revelation came sunshine again; glowing, life-giving sunshine into an aching, winter-impoverished heart.

Four times Joseph received a revelation from God. Four times during their lifelong walk God spoke to Joseph in a dream. (1) ". . . Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: *for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost!*" With what joy he must have restored his beloved, with what delight must have been that reunion.

(2) It was to Joseph, not Mary, that God gave warning to flee into Egypt after Christ was born. (3) It was Joseph whom God told now to return to the land of Israel after the

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danger of Christ's threatened infanticide was past. (4) It was Joseph who heard the voice of God again saying to turn aside into parts of Galilee. Joseph walked with God and they communed together. Mary received the annunciation of Christ's birth, but Joseph was honored as the head of the home, and God committed the Child's welfare into his hands. Sturdy, steady hands they must have been.

Christ must be born of Mary. Christ must be reared of Joseph. They were not chosen separately, but together. Into their four hands He placed the Son of heaven, the Hope of the world, the Saviour of sinners, the Heart of God: Jesus. Four hands must now form a life. The aged, wise hands of Joseph; the tender, loving, toiling hands of Mary! God made it clear that He would use them together when He said, "SHE shall bring forth a son, and THOU shalt call his name JESUS." That Joseph was to have a prominent part in the life of Jesus is evident. God's choice of him as the earthly father of His Son was a very fortunate one, indeed.

IV. Joseph an Example for Jesus

In the happy home of Christ's childhood, reverence for God and adherence to the law were paramount. Strict observance of God's Word was directed by Joseph, to the delight, of course, of his precious wife and son. Luke 2:41, "Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the passover."

This early training was very important in the later life of Jesus. It was by force of habit (custom) that He attended the worship of God regularly (Luke 4:16), and this habit was undoubtedly formed when He was very young. The training of a good father is one of the most formative things in a person's life, and Joseph was that good father. When Jesus was lost on their pilgrimage to Jerusalem, both His father and mother worried about Him, and sought Him together. Evidently, the father was equally, with the mother, proud of the Son. He was the joy of their hearts and the light of their lives, because He belonged on this earth to *them*.

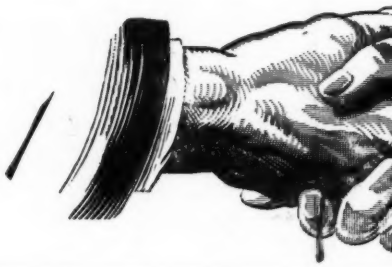
Joseph worked with his hands. Being a carpenter (Matt. 13:55), he had to be an able craftsman, for the carpentry of his day was more of art than it is today. A yoke that fit snugly about the neck of a beast without injuring the beast, decorative furniture that adorned Galilean homes, sturdy woodwork supporting homes—this was the work of Joseph. Bending over his carpenter's tools, this man toiled for his family. What inner conflicts of spirit he may have had we do not know; but the outward conflict and toil for livelihood we do know.

Here the story of one of the most noble-spirited men to ever grace the earth must end. We know nothing of his death, nor the circumstances leading to it; he was forgotten. Naturally, neither he nor Mary could be seen in the glowing presence of their charge, Christ Jesus. His dazzling life swept everything else into the dimness of the sidelines, but, at least, the glorious perfection of His life did, in part, reflect the precision of His childhood training. That Joseph died before the crucifixion is evident since no mention is made of him during that terrible ordeal for Mary. Then Christ commanded another, younger heart to care for His mother after His death. This would not have happened if Joseph had still been alive.

At some unknown time, in some unknown place, by some unknown circumstances he died. Although man has seldom stopped to consider him and the stout heart that beat in his mortal frame, he has not been entirely forgotten. We remember vaguely, but God remembers vividly: He remembers because Joseph walked with God.

EUROPEAN SPIRIT

As Given at the North Cleveland, Tennessee, Church of



By REV. LEONARD STEINER

Continued from last issue

IN the country of France, a blessed revival has been going fifteen years already, and that revival was sent in answer to prayer. France is an irreligious, indifferent nation. There are about four million Catholics, about half a million Protestants, and the rest are in darkness and ignorance. There are people in France who do not even know there is a book called the Bible. You find there people who have never heard of Christ.

God sent a revival to that country in answer to prayer. The Christians prayed a number of years, day and night, and believed that God would visit them one day and send the Pentecostal message to France. God answered that prayer. Suddenly and unexpectedly, God sent them a young man with the message of the gospel. He had heard a Polish brother give his testimony. That message spoke to that man listening in the crowd and he gave his heart to Christ and came to France to prepare and study to get ready to carry the message to others. He was longing to get a sufficient hold on the French language to be able to preach. He wrote his first sermon down, had it corrected and translated into French, then memorized it. He still had an impediment of speech, but that didn't hinder God at all, and in his first meeting the Spirit took charge, and God wonderfully blessed souls. Soon it was noised abroad, strangers came in, the revival broke out, and hundreds became Christians, especially Catholics found Christ, were baptized and filled with the Holy Spirit.

The revival swept over France. Other Protestant churches opened their gates and invited this Pentecostal revivalist to preach in their churches. God moved in a remarkable way. They became interested in the Pentecostal message. Especially one pastor introduced the Pentecostal message in his church. The most wonderful is that they have a spiritual ministry. They are baptized in the Holy Spirit. That revival is still going on today and they are greatly encouraged and winning souls for Christ.

In France, it is true that the Pentecostal work is the only gospel work that is really going onward. All the other churches are having a struggle. It is winning souls and exercising an influence on the people. This is recognized by other churches as well, not just by the Pentecostal people.

While we were visiting the French Pentecostal churches, it was during the war years when the cities were bombed and the invasion was being prepared. Of course, the city population was given instructions as to how to behave in time of an alarm. They were advised to hide in their basements. A father, mother and five children, the youngest eighteen months old, heard the siren and saw the squadron coming to bomb their region. Quickly they went down into their cellar, committing themselves to the protection of God. The father soon heard God saying, "Go up into the kitchen." This was contrary to instructions and he hesitated. But he felt that God was still speaking, so they went up into the kitchen and, kneeling down in the middle of the room, committed themselves to the protection of God. Suddenly they heard a terrific noise. A bomb came down into their cellar and exploded, blowing the whole house up. After the bombing, the pastor of that place went into the city to look after his members. He walked across the street and when he came to this place he didn't see any of the house, and the bomb had made a large hole in the earth. But the family was there and making signs, calling the pastor and telling him the wonderful story. God had just lifted all seven of them up into the air and let them come down on the remains of their house, and not one had received even a scratch.

I know when some hear these things they can hardly believe them, but God wonderfully answered prayer, revealing His wonderful and marvelous power, not only in this one case but there were others. One couple who had been Catholic, had come to Christ and been saved. They prayed that God would give them a child. They had been married twenty years. God had answered prayer and the woman was expecting a little one. The time of her delivery came in the midst of a terrible bombing attack. The people were leaving, seeking shelter in the country. This woman found herself among those fleeing people and her hour came and she gave birth to a little girl on the side of the road. A man passing gave her some assistance. She had nothing prepared, so she took the little one in her apron and rejoined the people trying to get away. She was very weak, of course, and she asked a man passing on a cart to let her sit on the cart, and he invited her to come up and sit beside him. But this was very dangerous because bombs were falling all around. Suddenly, a bomb fell near them and the woman was thrown unconscious. When she came to, she found herself lying in a mass of blood and flesh, but she had been protected and was unhurt. Her little child had disappeared, though, and she began to call upon God. Then she heard a little voice crying and she found her little child. It was safely bedded on straw in a small dog house near by.

RITUAL OUTLOOK

Church of God, Wednesday Night, November 12, 1947

***Rev. Leonard Steiner, pastor of the Full Gospel Church in Basel, Switzerland, was elected the first moderator of the World Pentecostal Fellowship Conference last May, which convened in Zurich, Switzerland, where over two hundred representatives from twenty-three nations assembled. Rev. and Mrs. John P. Kluzit were present and represented the Church of God.**

She never knew how it had been carried in there, whether someone put it there, thinking the mother had been killed, or whether the explosion had carried it there; but she rather believed God had sent an angel to take care of the little one. We saw the child. It is now three years old and the parents are very happy.

One man had been helping a paratrooper. He hid him in his house and later helped him to escape. The Gestapo arrested him and he was marched into the center of the village to be shot. Kneeling down, with his hands on his head, he waited to be shot. He was a Christian and was ready to die, but committing himself and family to God, he was praying. Then he heard a voice saying, "run," and he began to run. It seemed, he said, that he had wings on his feet and could jump over hedges and run very swiftly. They ran after him and a terrible chase ensued. He went around a house and there in the back was a little rabbit cage. He jumped into that cage and pulled the door behind him. They followed but didn't find him. No one thought of the rabbit cage. They left but came again with dogs, those dogs that know how to find a thief. He even saw them through the window, how they were smelling all around; but God had His hand over him and the soldiers went away. God had, in a wonderful way, delivered another one of his children.

These stories of divine protection and intervention were wonderful, but more wonderful to me was that a revival went on year after year through the war, during all the phases of the war and since, and there in those cities in the north of France, a revival is going on in the midst of the ruins. Some of the churches were destroyed and a number of the Christians lost their homes. The church buildings were very simple. Some have been repaired but some have not, with no roof, no windows, and no question of being able to heat them. They have to have their meetings in the cold, but even when it is below zero they are faithful to go. But in Sweden, when their feet and hands began to get cold, numbers of people had to stay away, but the Pentecostal people were going on, winning souls for Christ.

We were thrilled to hear of their convention in France. A number of people told how Christ had found them and their hearts had been renewed by the blood of Christ, delivered from bad habits, transformed by the glory of God, and beautiful testimonies were given of being healed in answer to prayer. Incurable diseases were healed instantly. There are about six Pentecostal churches in France, and about that number of ministers. They are caring for their aged people and are grateful for the relief that has been sent to them, especially from America. In Switzerland we share in this relief.

In Italy, I never knew there was a Pentecostal work that was larger than all the other Evangelical movements together. I read some statistics that were printed in Rome and the Pentecostal movement was listed. It showed that the Pentecostal people had 150 places of worship in Italy, with a 100,000 membership. The total number of Evangelicals is 200,000, with 100,000 Pentecostal of the 200,000 Evangelicals. I praised God to know that the Pentecostal work was going on there. Later we had to know that they were tried in the fires of persecution. Many of the pastors had been imprisoned, one being imprisoned seventeen times. Sixty people, members of the church, including six pastors, joined in secret prayer in in Rome. They gathered in the middle of the night, about eight miles away from Rome. The people had to go a secret path, for fear of the Fascists, but they preferred to suffer than to give up Christ.

At last the hand of liberation came and a wonderful revival is going on. Even the authorities have taken a favorable hand and are helping. When a preacher comes to preach, he is officially welcomed, and more than once the Pentecostal people have been invited to hold their services in the theater.

A friend described those meetings, bringing an enthusiastic report, stating that there were as many sitting outside as crowded inside. Sometimes the Catholic try to disturb. Once a priest asked to be permitted to preach. The pastor said, "Let me preach first." The priest had to wait about one hour and a half. Then they told him that everything he said had to be proved by the Bible. He had to sit down and close his mouth. At another place the lights went out and everybody began to shout. When the lights came on, the priest was on the platform on his knees calling on God. The priests in Italy don't always take this attitude. Some have expressed themselves to be in agreement with the full-gospel preaching. There are seventy ready to step out and join the Pentecostal churches. The only thing that keeps them back is their care for their material sustenance. The Pentecostal people are poor people and cannot afford to pay money to these priests and so they hesitate and wait in prayer. Pray especially for these priests, and many other Catholic people who are just kept by fear from making a decision.

The Pentecostal people there are enjoying great victories. There are 218

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REQUESTS... *for Prayer*

Pray for:

Brother H. L. Marcum, who is very ill.

My father who needs God's help very much; special unspoken request.—Mrs. Guthrie Smith, Box 584, Valdese, N. C.

My son to be saved from the curse of drink. —Mrs. Julius Haddock, Orangeburg, S. C.

My son who has an afflicted mind; me to receive the Holy Ghost.—Claude M. Benson, Sarepta, La.

My husband's healing; me.—Mrs. Nancy J. Spence, Rt. 1, Reform, Ala.

My eyes; my son's wife; my daughter, who is nervous.—Mrs. S. D. McDonald.

Mrs. Bessie Frazier, who is afflicted and needs God's help.

My healing.—A reader.

My husband and boys to be saved and filled with the Holy Ghost.—A saint.

My husband to be delivered from the drink demon.—A sister.

My children to be saved.—Nellie Sexton, Rock Hill, S. C.

My healing, as I am ruptured and have to provide for my three children.—Rose Dunn, Gen. Del., Midland, Tex.

A very urgent request.—Minnie Brown, Rt. 2, Rocky Ford, Ga.

God to help me bear my suffering.—M. A. Tate, Mullens, W. Va.

My little boy's eye, which has an ulcer on it.—Sister H. M. Mattox, Rt. 2, Box 22, Perry, Fla.

My daughter, who is in the state hospital very sick; an urgent request.—Mrs. John Daves, 122 S. 5th St., Richmond, Va.

Me; my loved one to be saved.—Mrs. Julia Ingram Jones.

My neighbor, who has arthritis; Gladys Hastings who suffers with something like appendicitis.—George Dalton, Scottsboro, Ala.

My son to be saved; the healing of my husband and me; my husband to receive the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. C. A. Cronic, 517 Washington St., S. W., Atlanta, Ga.

My little boy, Carl Mendheim, who has rheumatic fever.—Mrs. Henry Mendheim, Rt. 1, Box 172-A, Homestead, Fla.

A child whose mind and eyes are real bad. —Vernie Dean, Rt. 1, Cheshire, Ohio.

My son-in-law to be saved and healed; our church; my girl; me to do God's will.—Mrs. W. F. Gentry, Fruithurst, Ala.

My sister who has T.B. Encouraging letters will be appreciated. Her address is Mrs. Thelma Hicks, Etowah Sanitarium, Gadsden, Ala.—Mrs. David League, 12724 Freud, Apt. 5, Detroit, Mich.

My daughter, who has infantile paralysis, to be healed.—John Nesslerodt, Arthur, W. Va.

My family; me to have a closer walk with God.—Mrs. C. L. Adkin, Dalomite, Ala.

My healing; God to undertake for my daughter in a special way and save her.—Mrs. Edgar Adcock, Rt. 2, Adairsville, Ga.

Me to be healed; an urgent unspoken request. — Rosella Medley, 508 Clopton Ave., Huntsville, Ala.

Jess Armstrong who has had an operation for cancer of the stomach and is in a serious condition.—Edward W. Herald, Tazewell, Va.

My daughter, who suffers with asthma.—Mrs. Thelma Cerne, Erwin, W. Va.

My sister, Mrs. Florence Jennings, who is in a serious condition with cancer; me and my husband to be healed of stomach trouble and other troubles; our spiritual condition.—Mrs. Edward Basham, Box 96, Princeton, W. Va.

God to undertake for my husband; the healing of mother and daddy; God to help me and my children in both soul and body.—Blanche Wilkes, Rt. 1, Box 83, Dillon, S. C.

My wife and me, as we do not feel well.—E. F. Crain, Independence, Mo.

My grandson, who hurt his stomach seriously.—Mrs. Sid Latham, Rt. 1, Friendship, Tenn.

My healing, as I am bothered with high blood pressure and something wrong with my head; my family.—Mrs. Ludie Reed, Rt. 1, Grandview, Tenn.

Postle Wait, of Pennsylvania.

Cecil Kelley, Box 6780, 4th Floor, Reidsville, Ga., who is under death sentence. He has been saved, so please write or visit him.—A friend, Toledo, Ohio.

My husband to be saved and delivered; my children to be saved; the healing of my body. —Mrs. Harold Grant. Laurinburg, N. C.

My son-in-law; my girl and her husband.—A sister, Albany, Ga.

My healing.—Bishop R. H. Mills, 1120 10th St., W. Palm Beach, Fla.

My husband who has low blood pressure and heart trouble; my home.—Annie Evans, Box 1015, Tallulah, La.

Me to be healed of stomach trouble.—Mrs. Cleve Sweat, Rt. 2, Dillon, S. C.

God to undertake for me and my nine-year-old son; my husband to be delivered and saved. —A sister, Tucson, Ariz.

My mother who has a throat trouble which causes her to choke; an unspoken request.—Myrtle Young, Laurens, S. C.

My six-year-old daughter who isn't normal mentally.—Mrs. Charles Rusher, 613 Oak St., Dayton 10, Ohio.

God to undertake in helping my husband get work and his soul to be saved.—Mrs. E. Biglin, 610 Lafayette, Detroit, Mich.

My healing.—Mrs. Sallie Walters, 602 Blythe St., E. Gadsden, Ala.

A serious situation; the healing of a baby who has asthma; a little girl to be healed of rheumatic fever; the healing of my father; unspoken requests. — Goldie Lloyd, Rt. 2, Amelia, Va.

God to deliver my husband and save his soul.—Mrs. Pearl Emmons, Booneville, Miss.

My brother, who is in Lawson General Hospital, to be healed; special request. — Miss Reenie Owen, 554 Washington St., S. W., Atlanta, Ga.

My son to be saved and healed.—Mrs. Drew H. Marcus, Rt. 1, Mt. Airy, Ga.

My husband; some unspoken requests. — Mrs. M. B. Barton, Rt. 1, Calhoun, Ga.

The complete healing of my daughter; my health.—Mrs. J. F. Ruffner, 51 W. Palmer, Detroit 2, Mich.

My daughter to be healed and saved; my healing.—Sister Sarah, Bluefield, W. Va.

Me to be healed of heart trouble; my husband to be saved; the Lord to have His way in my life; a special unspoken request.—Mrs. Amanda Atkinson, Rt. 1, Ray, Ohio.

A friend who is seriously burned.—Mrs. J. A. Neeley, Booneville, Miss.

My healing, as I am afraid I have some cancers; an unspoken request.—Mrs. H., Lansing, Mich.

An unspoken request; our little church.—Mrs. Pearl Wood, Westminster, S. C.

God to reclaim me.—A sister, Freeburn, Ky.

Me to be healed of skin cancers; my family to be saved.—Mrs. Linnie Dunn, Rt. 1, Eudora, Ark.

Me to be healed of a stomach trouble.—Seibert J. Shoemaker, Boonsboro, Md.

My five unsaved children who are afflicted in their bodies; my son who is almost an infidel; my daughter-in-law to be saved; me to be healed of high blood pressure and something seriously wrong with my back and legs; me to receive full and complete salvation.—A mother, Alabama City, Ala.

The Willing Workers' Band here.—Mrs. L. A. Brinkley, Homerville, Ga.

A very special unspoken request.—A sister, Danville, Va.

My niece, Betty Privette, to be healed of something like rheumatism, which affects her heart very much, also bad tonsils; my healing of extreme nervousness and other symptoms. —Mrs. Melvin Turner, Rock Hill, S. C.

Mrs. Sophia Harris to be healed, also Mrs. Liddie Edmonds; my body to be touched; my unsaved children.—Mrs. W. O. Tucker, Whittle, Ky.

Ernest Prater, Salyersville, Ky., who has T.B., to be healed and his soul saved; very special unspoken request; Beulah Allen, who is very sick.—Mrs. Alex Clemons, Orgas, W. Va.

My healing. — Mrs. L. B. Hyde, Copperhill, Tenn.

A very special request for three brothers, a son and a friend; urgent unspoken request; my mother and father to receive the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. Ruth Browning, Atlanta, Ga.

My healing of kidney and bladder trouble, also heart and stomach trouble and other ailments.—A reader, Mayodan, N. C.

THE MAN CHRIST JESUS— MAN'S MEDIATOR

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(sacrifice) for the erring, faltering, failing, and fainting Christian AND the SINS of the whole world. Let us read what he says, "And he is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world."

So, we look back to the cross where Christ was lifted up, not only between two thieves, but also BETWEEN MEN and God, and also look upward to the right hand of the throne of God to see the ever-living Christ Jesus making INTERCESSION for us RIGHT NOW, as our MEDIATORIAL HIGH PRIEST.

Heb. 7:24, 25 tells us that "this MAN, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood. Wherefore he IS able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he EVER LIVETH to make INTERCESSION (mediate) for them."

Therefore, as a summation of this wonderful phase of Christ's work, I ask that we consider the verb IS in the full scope of its historical relation and significance. To do this we paraphrase the text; as, "There WAS, there IS, and there SHALL CONTINUE TO BE, ONE MEDIATOR BETWEEN MEN and GOD, the MAN CHRIST JESUS."

COVER PICTURE

The cover picture is a scene from the YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK — THE VERNAL FALLS—320-foot drop. It is one of the principal scenic wonders in the great National Park. This is a striking picture showing the falls through the mist created by the crashing of the water against the rugged rocks.

It has well been said that man builds the cities but God made the country. Here we see the handiwork of Nature's God assembled with such lovely harmony as to inspire awe and reverence for our great Creator of all the beauties of heaven and earth. Again let us thank God for His infinite love, and praise Him, for He is the Masterful Creative Genius of the entire universe.

It Pays to Keep Victory

WAYCROSS, Ga. — It pays us to keep victory in our souls. I praise the Lord for healing me of kidney trouble; I intend to stay on victory's side.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Joe Rowell, 812 Lewis St.

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Every Creature
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Executive Missions Secretary

FROM THE LAND OF THE MIDNIGHT SUN

By Rev. George Savchenko

Part II

MIGRATION TO ALASKA OVER THE ALCAN HIGHWAY

People came by the hundreds last summer, over this long highway that was used so much during the war by the army. Many came with fantastic ideas of getting rich in a short time and then going out to the States with their stake all made; but many have been disappointed, as there was a different setup all around, with the high cost of living and no place to find for living quarters, as houses here are harder to find than in the States because the shipping tie-up has hindered the building programs. Many, after spending their money earned during the war, either sell their car, truck, trailer, and everything they bring up with them, to buy a ticket and fly back to the States, or drive back over the highway to their home state. Many have their eyes on a homestead, but anyone coming in for a homestead should have at least $10,000; or, if he has less, he should have a job where he can have a steady income while he is building up his homestead to get into production. At present all land has been taken and real estate has gone "sky high." The best way to find out whether one would like to live in Alaska would be to come up and live for a year and look around to get firsthand information by observation. As to the Alcan Highway, it is not too bad to travel, with the exception of certain times during the year when there is an abundance of mud, together with washouts; but I am told that during the winter months the road is at its best, and most of the precaution in driving comes from slippery roads, and we have many of those here. Last winter our roads had solid ice and snow on them more than six months of the year, and when one gets used to them it is not too bad, as they are the next thing to pavement for being smooth.

(a) Type of People Coming Up

As in all pioneer countries, especially where there is a boom, we find that there are a few good people who come along; but there are many who come that are of little assistance to anyone, not even to themselves. There is much unrest and shifting to and fro, going here and there. Many of those who come seem to leave their religion in the States, if they had any, as their attitude is anything but going to church or Sunday School, and many feel like they are being imposed upon when asked to come to church. We hear much about the condition of the Eskimos and the native Indians and their sad plight, but let it be remembered that these poor, humble and simple people of the northland were a better class of people than they are now, and no one else than the white man is responsible for their downfall, as many have taken advantage of these people, and introduced liquor and vice to them. One can imagine what condition these folks are in when they become a slave to liquor, as their resistance is weak. T.B. is the most dreaded disease among them today, taking a heavy toll of lives every year.

(b) Shipping to Alaska

No one anywhere has felt the impact from the shipping tie-ups and strikes more than those who live in Alaska. With the strikes and tie-ups on the shipping lanes, we find that new air lines have started and air travel and freight is being depended on more and more, but this new development of travel and shipping has caused the prices to go up at a rapid increase, thus greatly affecting living conditions up here. Although the airplane is the main source of travel around Alaska, and has been for years in the passenger and freight service in the interior, never have the airways taken to the skies with as much freight as they do today between Alaska and the mainland of the U.S.A. A few weeks ago Sister Savchenko overheard one of the restaurant men order some meat from the States and it was to be butchered on one day and the next day be in Anchorage, ready to be prepared for the table. It seems almost unbelievable. I recall the trip that we had when we came to Alaska, being thirteen days on the boat. Then we landed several hundred miles farther south than where we are today. There are attempts being made to truck in over the Alcan Highway, but the long trip is so costly and it does not save much by shipping that way. A few trucks are operating over the highway all year round and in time to come, when the roads are maintained better and fixed up, the possibility will be good for the overland trucker. Not only will it be possible for the trucking lines, but I think many of you folks in the States could take a trip to our camp meeting in Alaska as easily as going to the Assembly.

Camp Meeting

Last June we had the privilege of purchasing a five-acre campground, which is only three miles from Palmer, on the main highway from Palmer to Anchorage. The ground is level and is all covered with timber except where we cleared for the buildings on the ground. With this purchase we have our wood supply for years to come, and this winter is the first winter since we have been up here that we have our wood situation in hand, as before I would have to go around and get permission to clear a little here and a little there. Many times it was not close to a good road and had to be carried out by hand, so we certainly thank God for this purchase. In time to come it can be used for many other purposes besides a wood yard and campground; such as, a nice garden spot, a place for the pastor to live, a school, orphanage, etc.

In seven weeks from the time of

our purchase of the campground we had built the cook shack and a temporary tabernacle, with the camp meeting being on August 1-3. The attendance was good but not as large as last year, and the first day it rained so much that many from Anchorage did not come out. It did seem a little disappointing at first, but God was there to bless and one young girl from our Butte Sunday School gave her heart to the Lord and has taken a stand for Him, so we feel that all our hard labor was not in vain.

One point that may be of interest to the readers is the reaction of the town of Palmer to our camp meeting. Well, not one car came out, and we had large signs all along the roads. We also had announcements over the radio, and then I mailed out over 750 printed circulars announcing the camp meeting—the time of the meetings and the location. Had we only made a verbal announcement that we would have a dance, the place would not have held the people; in fact, there was talk by some as to why we did not make the camp a recreation center for young people, and have good clean dances. You can imagine what my answer was. I feel that some day we shall have a great revival in the valley, as I can not see how humanity can go on so careless and indifferent about the welfare of their souls.

Daily Vacation Bible School in Talkeetna

Shortly after our camp meeting was over, preparations were made to go to Talkeetna, which is a small village about 100 miles north of here. With all things ready, we flew in by plane and started the school in a house that we rented for two weeks. I was not able to be there all of the time, as I had to be back in Palmer to carry on with the two Sunday Schools here, but Sister Savchenko and my daughter Ruth carried on with the school.

The children took great interest and were good students, this being the second school of its kind in the village. We had longed for someone to come up and take over the place, but as no one was able to come we had to let it go. Another man is there now working among the people and he is a good Pentecostal man, for which we thank the Lord, for we certainly did not want to see some modernist get in.

There are many things that happen in a school of this kind in a small village. Some of the folks took quite a liking to Sister Savchenko and while she was visiting she was offered a drink of beer, just one of their friendly gestures; not only that, she saw little children come around the parents crying and begging for a drink of beer. Oh, that these parents could taste of the fountain of living water! I am sure the children would have a better chance to grow up in this world, with God-fearing fathers and mothers.

Children's Homes

There are four children's homes in the valley, each one being sponsored by some outside group or church, and it is one place that really has many neglected children to take care of. Besides the children's homes, there are many private homes that have taken in from one or more youngsters. We have one in our home who is a welfare case and it is pitiful, the kind of a home in which she had to live. Both of her parents live in Anchorage and her father has a good job, but liquor spells the whole story of poverty, filth and neglect. The main thing in maintaining a children's home is to get someone in the States to back the program, because the income from welfare or the Indian Bureau of Affairs will not pay enough to keep a home going. There are many other homes throughout Alaska, and I believe there are more children taken care of by homes and private individuals per capita in Alaska than any other place of which I know. The only true and effective remedy for the condition is a change of heart for the people up here, then the liquor problem will be a minor problem. At the present time, some of the finest buildings that are being built in Palmer are liquor lounges and stores. Anchorage, which has around 10,000 or 12,000 people, has over ninety liquor stores and they all make a large profit. No wonder we have so many children who need a daddy and a mother to take care of them. Time will not permit our going into detail of many of these things, but the reader can well imagine the causes and effects when things exist as they are. Please don't think that we do not have any people up here who know how to serve God, because we have some very fine people in Alaska, but they are few in number. Pray for Alaska.

To those who write to us, we will try to answer all the letters that we possibly can. It takes time to get all of the letters answered, but we will try to do our best.

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CONVENTION NOTICE

Dear Evangel Family:

Greetings in Jesus' dear name. Time has rolled around, that we are again permitted to extend to you an invitation to attend our 28th Annual Convention, which convenes in our beautiful auditorium in the delightful city of Nassau, the capital of the Bahamas, January 13-18, 1948.

Transportation

We are pleased to inform you that there will be excellent passenger service between Nassau and Miami at that time. There will be large steamboats making about three trips a week; also, there will be two or three planes a day flying between Nassau and Miami, and there will be a steamship service from New York, also. So start to make preparation now to come and be with us, and enjoy a great feast with the people of God in this lovely country of blessed sunshine and clear sparkling water.—Yours for a great convention, William R. Franks, assistant overseer of Bahamas.

REVIVALS

LAWTEY, Fla.—We have just closed a wonderful revival here. The healing power came in a great way. Sister Beasley had not worn a shoe in two years and she was healed, also my little girl was healed. The entire church was blessed. Two were saved and sanctified and one was filled with the Holy Ghost. Sister Mary Bell, of Jacksonville, did the preaching.—N. H. Harris, pastor, Rt. 1, Box 56, Maxville, Fla.

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HERMITAGE, Ark.—A great revival just closed at Hermitage, conducted by Rev. Villard McCary. Nineteen were saved, nine sanctified, four baptized with the Holy Ghost, sixteen baptized in water, and fifteen added to the church. We have bought two lots and paid for them. Also we have planned to begin a new church very soon. Pray for us.—Rev. E. Long, pastor.

Reports ► FROM THE FIELD

Wonderful Church Progress in Selma, Ala.

SELMA, Ala.—God is most gloriously blessing the work here. Since the Assembly many souls have found the Lord. The church has had more than a 50 per cent increase in membership since our pastor, Brother H. E. Lambert, and family came here last year.

Sister Lottie Baird is the superintendent of our Sunday School. For the past four Sundays we have set a new record of attendance. Over 227 were present for our all-day services, November 2.

Our Y.P.E. is growing steadily and our L.W.W.B. is doing a good work for the Master. We are now raising funds for a new church building and parsonage. We purchased three large lots in the center of this city, and work has already begun at the new location. A beautiful seven-room, brick parsonage is under construction. It will have hardwood floors throughout, automatic hot-water heater, modern sinks, and floor furnace. The parsonage will be estimated at about $10,000 when completed. Adjacent to the parsonage we are planning a brick church building with Sunday School rooms.

We had an all-day home-coming November 2. After a message by our state overseer, Brother J. T. Roberts, an offering of $1,500 was raised in cash and pledges. Brother Hartline, pioneer preacher of this place, was the afternoon speaker.

Pray for us here that the Lord's work will grow and grow and grow.—E. H. Lipham, clerk, 431 Mabry St.

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The Lord Will Not Fail Me

ROCK HILL, S. C. — I praise the Lord for what He has always been to me. I have been a member of the Church of God for twenty-two years and haven't grown tired of it. I love this good holy way. I am unable to attend the services as I would like to. I am a widow and the way gets dark, as far as this life's needs are concerned, but I'm sure the Lord will not let me down. I find Him the greatest friend I ever knew. I thank Him for touching my body and healing me. He caused a bad looking mole on my neck to go away and instantly healed my eyes when I was almost blind. He has healed in my home many times. Jesus is coming soon, so I want to be ready at all times. May God bless every reader and help all to be ready at His coming.—Yours in Christ, Sister Nellie Sexton, 401 Hagins St.

We Can't Praise Him Enough

HAZLEHURST, Ga. — I praise the Lord for victory in my soul and what it means to live for Him. I have been serving the Lord for three years and find that living for Him is the greatest thing in the world. I thank Him for healing power. He wonderfully healed my mother who had not walked in seven months. The Lord brought back both of my brothers from the service overseas. We can't praise Him enough. Pray that I might draw closer to the Lord. — Ocala White.

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EUROPEAN SPIRITUAL OUTLOOK

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full-gospel groups and churches in Italy. May the Lord bless these dear brethren. One of them attended the Pentecostal Conference in Zurich. You would just fall in love with him by meeting him, and his thrilling testimony of how Christ found him and equipped him to suffer for Him made a deep impression on me.

I think the most wonderful news today is that in Germany there are signs of a Pentecostal revival. Souls are being saved, sanctified, transformed, filled with the Spirit, and speaking in tongues. The church is being equipped with spiritual gifts and a spiritual movement. This is a new movement. There was a Pentecostal movement in Germany and all belonged to that one established church; but that work has been much damaged. In one city in the south of Germany the Pentecostal church building is a large beautiful building with a seating capacity of 1,000, the only church building that was not destroyed. The Pentecostal people have opened their church to the Methodist and others. But in many places the buildings are damaged and the congregations scattered. An old pastor from the Russian Zone said, "We have become very poor. Many of my church members are no more. But God is with us and we are rich in Christ." Those who were in old times opposing the Pentecostal testimony, are having today Pentecostal conventions, with spiritual gifts in operation, letting the Spirit have His own way. Preachers of other churches are all preaching the same message—the baptism and speaking in tongues. There are signs of a revival. Some may have visited Germany recently and not seen anything of it yet, but God is working. A friend of mine, a Polish brother, says, "God is with us, not only in material poverty and difficulties, but souls are turning to Christ and being saved. God is building up a church and adding to it."

There is a certain village in a British Zone with 100,000 inhabitants. A revival has come to that place and the whole village has been converted, except one family, and they may have become converted by now. They are appealing for Bibles. Last summer there was one Bible in that village and that was in the church. People waited day and night to be admitted to the church to be near the Book and be able to read the Book.

Everybody feels that God is speaking with us. There is a hunger for the Word of God, which has been scarce. We not only send them material relief, but we try to send them the Word of God. It is touching to receive letters of thanks afterwards. They receive this Book, press it to their bosoms and take it home with them as a precious treasure. We shall do unitedly all within our power to send them every need. We wish to establish as many contacts as possible; to send help, any help, especially spiritual help, into those countries that need our help, considering the needs and what is being done to meet these needs.

Here in Cleveland many of you will take these needs on your hearts and pray for us. The most important need and the best way to help is prayer and everything that is born out of prayer will be a blessing, but everything done without prayer will only be unequal help. Pray for us as we try to organize this agency. The brethren over there have felt the effect of your prayers many times. May He bless you all. Amen.

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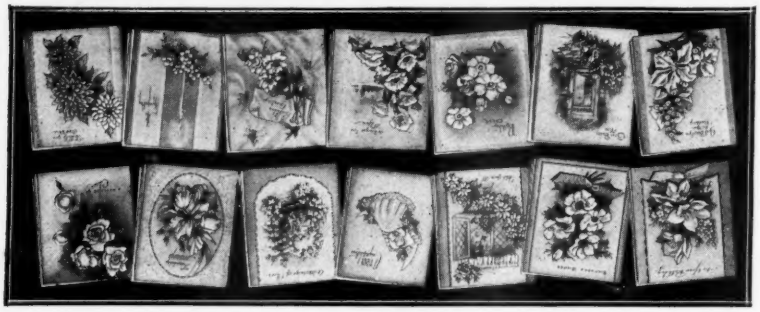

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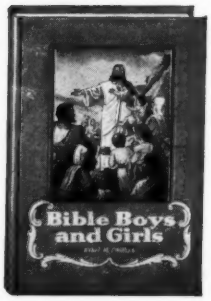

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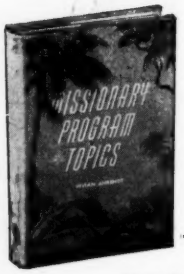

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